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## EXPLORERS HONORED AT LAST

MILLIONS JOIN IN HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION IN NEW YORK

### BEGINNING AUSPICIOUS

REPLICAS OF THE CLERMONT AND HALF MOON LEAD GREAT WATER PAGEANT

### WARSHIPS FIRE SALUTE

PARADE WILL BE REPEATED TO-NIGHT AMID BLAZE OF FIREWORKS

New York, Sept. 25.—The boom of the sunrise guns awoke New York this morning to celebrate the honoring of Henry Hudson and Robert Fulton. It was toward the river that Hudson discovered and on which Fulton launched the first steamboat that five million people turned today. Two million lined the shores from the Battery to Spuyten Duyil, two million more lined the Jersey shore, and one million saw the pageant from Brooklyn and Staten Island.

The celebration opened with the assembling of a naval pageant in the upper bay. Four American cruisers and five submarines acted as an escort to the Clermont and the Half Moon. The Clermont and Half Moon met off St. George. Then with the escort trailing to the rear these two crafts, duplicates of the originals in every respect, cruised along the Brooklyn shore. Meanwhile the rest of the naval parade was assembling, and as the Clermont and Half Moon entered the mouth of the Hudson river, the other vessels fell in behind.

As the Clermont and Half Moon met off St. George, the Clermont rammed the Half Moon, doing slight damage.

With smoke pouring from its antiquated funnel, the Clermont made good headway, puffing and grunting under its own steam. The Half Moon was towed for some distance when she struck a favorable slant of wind and then proceeded under canvas with Lieutenant Lam, of the Dutch navy, costumed as Henry Hudson, on the poop.

It took hours to straighten out the mass of boats and it was after 1 o'clock when the formation was complete. First came the police patrol boats and torpedo boats, then the Clermont and Half Moon with the immediate escort of cruisers and submarines, then five squadrons of steam merchant craft moved up the Hudson in double line at a speed of eight miles an hour. The procession was fifteen miles long when it reached the line of warships. The Clermont and Half Moon passed alone between the warships and the Manhattan shore, while the rest of the procession passed close to the Jersey shore. When the little vessels passed a royal salute was fired. The Clermont and Half Moon only went to 110th street, where the land ceremonies took place. These included speeches by Governor Hughes and others. Tonight the parade will go over the same route brilliantly lighted and amid the greatest fireworks display ever seen.

### NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR BLIND ASYLUM

Alamogordo, N. M., Sept. 25.—The board of directors of the New Mexico blind institute held a session here this week. There were several matters up for discussion, but the principal object of the meeting was to select a superintendent to take up the work of the institute at once. It was decided to offer the position to R. H. Pratt, of Pittsburg, Pa., and a wife was sent to Mr. Pratt at once, apprising him of the action of the board, and requesting him to come to Alamogordo as soon as possible and look the ground over before giving them an answer. It was decided also that it would be impossible to begin the 1909-10 session sooner than the 15th of October, but it is the intention of the board to open the session at that time.

WHITNEY HASTENING BACK TO CONFIRM COOK'S STORY

Indian Harbor, Sept. 25.—The relief ship Jeannie has arrived here, having on board Harry Whitney, the young sportsman to whom Dr. Cook says he told his story of his dash to the north pole. Whitney announced his arrival by wireless to friends at New Haven, Conn., last night and says he expects to reach the United States by next week. The Jeannie also rescued the captain and owner and a crew of six of the Dundee whaler Snowdrop wrecked at Cape Haven in 1908. The crew had suffered greatly from hunger and privations for a year and were long ago given up as lost.

### MACKAY DENIES REPORTED TELEGRAPH CO. MERGER

New York, Sept. 25.—Clarence H. Mackay, who arrived from Europe yesterday on the steamship Lusitania, when asked about the truth of the report which appeared in the press throughout the country a few weeks ago to the effect that the Postal Telegraph company had absorbed the Western Union, said: "Neither the Postal company nor the Mackay companies have entered into an agreement with, or for the purchase or lease of the Western Union or the purchase of its stock and neither the Postal company nor the Mackay companies contemplate doing so. Competition will continue."

### RAILROAD PROMOTER IS SUED FOR LARGE SUM

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Edward Kennedy, of Houston, Texas, who is in Chicago to promote a new railroad between El Paso, Roswell, N. M., and Altus, Okla., was served here yesterday with the summons in a suit for \$250,000 brought in the circuit court against him and his railroad by Charles B. Duffy, of St. Louis. Kennedy says he only met Duffy a few times and that he gave Duffy a chance to make good in raising funds for the railroad, but that Duffy never raised a cent.

### CALM FOLLOWS NIGHT OF VIOLENCE AT BUTTE

Butte, Sept. 25.—After a night given over to violence and gun plays, Butte today faced an entire shut down of its mines and smelters. A conference was called for at noon between the miners' union and the mine officials in an effort to come to some settlement of the fight between the miners and hoisting engineers' union, which yesterday resulted in a walkout of 80 per cent of the miners employed.

### DEATH TO BULL FROGS IS CAMPAIGN SLOGAN

Roswell, Ind., Sept. 25.—"Death to the bull frogs," is the political slogan of the independent party here. At the coming municipal election an independent candidate will oppose the republican and democratic nominees. The prohibition candidates are on a platform promising the extinction of frogs inhabiting ponds near the town by filling in the ponds. Whether the independents win or not the frogs will croak.

### ODD FELLOWS TO CARE FOR TUBERCULAR MEMBERS

Seattle, Sept. 25.—The sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which has been in session here this week, concluded its work and adjourned late yesterday. The lodge decided to establish a tuberculosis sanitarium for the whole order and a committee was appointed to report on location and ways and means, at the meeting at Atlanta, next September.

## BRYAN NOT ACHING FOR DEBATE

SAYS HE WILL NOT MEET SENATOR BAILEY UNLESS LATTER SO REQUESTS

### GIVES HIS REASONS WHY

SAYS HE IS WORKING FOR DEMOCRATIC CONGRESS AND FRAMING PLATFORM

### MIGHT SPOIL THESE PLANS

BELIEVES PROPOSED VERBAL CONTROVERSY WOULD DETRACT FROM REAL ISSUE

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 25.—Replying to the proposal that he meet U. S. Senator Bailey in a joint debate here Monday, W. J. Bryan today sent the following telegram from Vall, Arizona:

"I am endeavoring to secure a democratic majority in the next congress, and propose a tentative platform, which I will ask the democrats to accept, reject or amend. Believing such a debate would turn the attention of individuals from the issue at stake, I should prefer separate meetings unless Senator Bailey makes a personal request for a joint meeting."

### PRISONER GIVES GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF SLIP

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 25.—Gus Gray, the Grant county negro, arrested here Tuesday, having in his possession six hundred dollars' worth of diamonds stolen from a Silver City rooming house, today secured a new lease of liberty, and this without the formality of a bail bond.

Early this morning Sheriff McGrath and a deputy from Grant county called at the Bernalillo county jail and secured the prisoner for the purpose of taking him back to Silver City to stand trial for the theft of the diamonds. Securing their man, the officers decorated him with a pair of steel handcuffs. Arriving at the train from the police station the prisoner was placed in the smoking car in charge of the deputy, while the sheriff retired to the sleeper to rest. The prisoner promptly fell asleep, and in a short time the deputy, wearied by his long trip from the Grant county town, likewise dozed.

The officer had scarcely closed his eyes in slumber when the negro arose, tripped lightly to the door of the car and disappeared in the gloom. Although officers are searching for him, he has not yet been recaptured.

### BIG DIRIGIBLE BALLOON EXPLODES; FOUR KILLED

Moulins, France, Sept. 25.—The French dirigible balloon République exploded in the air near here today killing its crew of four persons. While the balloon was running at a high rate of speed and was apparently under control, it exploded with a loud report, falling 400 feet and crushing its crew beneath the envelope and basket.

### LEANDRO MARTINEZ AND PALS CONFESS HOLD-UP

Trinidad, Sept. 25.—Leandro Martinez, ex-convict, has confessed that he was the moving spirit in the attempt to hold up and rob the Gray Creek paymaster of the Victor-American Fuel company, of \$10,000, August 14. Martinez, Squire Kreeger and D. W. Bruce all entered pleas of guilty in the district court here for the crime.

### VIOLENT ELECTRICAL STORM PLAYS HAVOC

Chicago, Sept. 25.—Violent electrical earth currents, believed to emanate from the aurora borealis, today disturbed the telegraph service over the entire country. At seven o'clock this morning the wires were dead, but gradually resumed normal condition during the day. It is said by the weather bureau that the center of the magnetic storm is in Manitoba.

### LATE GOVERNOR JOHNSON LEFT \$18,000 TO WIDOW

St. Paul, Sept. 25.—The late Governor John A. Johnson left no will but it is understood that it was his wish, expressed before he died, that his entire property be turned over to Mrs. Johnson. It is estimated that the value of the estate will not exceed \$18,000.

## GREAT NAVAL DISPLAY AT NEW YORK

ENGLAND AND GERMANY VIE WITH THE UNITED STATES IN SHOWING OFF WARSHIPS

### A WONDERFUL SPECTACLE

ENGLISH FLAGSHIP INFLEXIBLE THE PEER OF ALL FIGHTING VESSELS

### PRESENT FOR CELEBRATION

FOREIGN NATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE HUDSON-FULTON TRICENTENARY

New York, Sept. 25.—With more than three score of the picked fighting ships of eight nations swinging at anchor in the Hudson river, awaiting the coming of the Clermont and the Half Moon, sightseers at the Hudson-Fulton celebration looked upon the most impressive assembly of foreign warships that has probably ever been in American waters. Riding in the river between 44th street and Spuyten Duyil, besides the fifty vessels of the United States Atlantic fleet, under Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, the foreign navies are represented by sixteen fighting craft in all. Great Britain has four, Germany has two, France has one, Argentina has one and Cuba has one.

Their massive hulls tugging lazily at their anchorages represent the highest development in construction from the great shipyards on the Clyde to the best efforts of the German naval constructors. The trimmest ships of France, the pick of the fleet of Italy, are most impressive emblems from the old world to the new. Swift cruisers with triple expansion engines and long rakish lines like greyhounds of the ocean; massive battleships mounted on turrets to the fighting tops with batteries of the highest type, swift torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers, wonderful submarines—every type of fighting ship known to the United States and eight other navies, four of them world powers, are in this impressive assembly.

The United States Atlantic fleet under command of Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, is represented by the battleships Connecticut, (16,000 tons), flagship; Vermont, (16,000); Kansas, (16,000); Louisiana, (16,000); Minnesota, (16,000); New Hampshire, (16,000); Mississippi, (13,000); Idaho, (13,000); Georgia, (14,948); New Jersey, (14,948); Nebraska, (14,948); Rhode Island, (14,948); Virginia, (14,948); Missouri, (12,300); and Ohio, (12,440); the armored cruisers North Carolina, (14,500 tons), speed 22.48 knots; New York, (8,200); Montana, (14,500 tons), 22 knots; the scout cruisers Chester, Birmingham and Salem, (3,700 tons) 25 knots; and a fleet of five submarines and twenty-four destroyers, torpedo boats and other auxiliaries.

Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder is outranked by both Admiral von Koenig of the German Imperial navy and Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, of the British Royal Navy. A movement to petition the president to place Admiral Dewey in command was promptly halted by Admiral Dewey himself, who said that his health and age would not permit him to undertake eight days of full dress duty and banqueting. The appointment of Admiral Seymour to these waters is regarded as another evidence of King Edward's tact. Admiral Seymour was in command of the British fleet in Manila Bay on the day when Commodore George Dewey annihilated the Spanish fleet, and the rejoinder of his captain, Sir Edward Cheichester, to the German commander who inquired before Dewey went into action and while the attitude of the German fleet, then at anchor in the same waters, was still a matter of anxiety, what action the English proposed to take, won him instant popularity in this country and passed into history, crystallized in the aphorisms of Mr. Dooley:

"That," said Sir Edward, with significant ambiguity, "is a matter known only to Admiral Dewey and myself."

Admiral Seymour became still better and even more favorably known to Americans during the international occupation of Pekin at the time of the Boxer uprising. His fleet here consists of the armored cruisers Inflexible, (17,500 tons) 25 knots; Drake, (14,100 tons) 24 knots; Argyle, (10,850 tons), 25 knots, and the Duke of Edinburgh, (15,550 tons) 22 knots. Grand Admiral von Koenig is also well known to Americans. An intimate friend of the Kaiser, fifty years an officer, and one of the committee

which drew up the plans, resulting in the German-American Sonder-Klasse races at Kiel and Marblehead, he recently retired as commander-in-chief of the Imperial navy, to be succeeded by Prince Henry, of Prussia. He consented, however, to accept the presidency of the German navy league, and his appointment to the Hudson-Fulton command is both a compliment to his own honorable career and to this country. His fleet consists of the cruisers Dresden (3,544 tons), Hertha, (5,569); Victoria Louise, (5,569) and Bremen (3,200).

France sends three battleships, under Admiral la Perle—the Verite (14,635 tons), Justice (14,435) and Liberte, (14,635). Italy sends two—the Etruria and Etna; the Argentine Republic, the Netherlands, Mexico and Cuba, one each.

### BUSY TERM OF COURT FOR COLFAX COUNTY

Chief Justice W. J. Mills, other court officials and several local attorneys leave tomorrow for Raton, in which city district court for Colfax county convenes on Monday morning. The court docket includes over 100 cases of various criminal and civil degrees and will probably consume a four weeks' court sitting.

The chief criminal cases set for trial—and which will come up in the order herein named—are the John Jenkins and the Elbert Harmon murder trials and the Henry Farr French railroad holdup case.

The grand jury which meets concurrent with the sitting of the court, will, doubtless, indict Carlos Santi and Martin Garcia, both of Dawson, for murder.

The principal civil cases will include the Utah Construction Co., vs. the St. L. R. M. & P., railroad; the Springer Ditch Co., vs. the French Land and Irrigation Co., and C. N. Blackwell vs. the Board of Colfax county commissioners, this latter case dealing with county bonds.

The Colfax county bar will request from Judge Mills a supplementary term of court to enable the clearing of the county docket of many old civil cases which have become practically habitual to current court sessions.

### STRAIN ON TELEGRAPHERS CAUSES NERVOUS COLLAPSE

An interesting feature of telegraphers' camp is that certain letters are nearly always the stumbling block. The most frequent are "C" and "Y," that is, the code signals used for these letters. When a sender begins to be "conscious" about so common a letter as "C," his case soon becomes a hopeless one. Another form of camp attacks the receiver of the message. It takes the form of inability to write fast enough to take down a message quickly transmitted. This is easily understood when it is remembered that a receiver often has to write continuously to code dictation, so to speak, for hours at a time. The strain is so enormous and leads commonly to what is practically a form of nervous breakdown.

### WAR DEPARTMENT ANXIOUS CONCERNING CUTTER'S CREW

Washington, Sept. 25.—Inquiries are being made by the insular bureau of the war department, regarding the report that the revenue cutter Sora has been captured by Mora pirates, and its crew of fourteen murdered. No official advices have yet been received at the war department.

### SUSPECTED ROBBER TRIES TO ESCAPE DURING RIOT

Omaha, Sept. 25.—While the patrol wagon was taking G. W. Marvin, the alleged Union Pacific train robber, back to jail from a barber shop last night, the wagon was caught in a small street car riot and the prisoner made a desperate attempt to escape, but he was clubbed into submission.

### BOLD BANK ROBBERY COMMITTED IN ILLINOIS

Mount Vernon, Ill., Sept. 25.—The Bank at Bulford, seven miles east of here, was wrecked by dynamite and the entire contents of the safe stolen early today. The amount of booty secured by the robbers is not known.

## PRESIDENT RESTING TODAY

TAFT AT SALT LAKE UTILIZES OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE NEEDED RESPIRE

### RECEPTION IS INFORMAL

BREAKFASTS AT COMMERCIAL CLUB AND GOES TO FAMOUS SALT LAKE BEACH

### GUEST OF COUNTRY CLUB

HERE CHIEF EXECUTIVE PLAYS GOLF, HIS FAVORITE PASTIME

Salt Lake, Sept. 25.—President Taft is spending the day in comparative quiet in Salt Lake City and is enjoying a rest from railroad travel. The day began with breakfast at the Commercial club. Afterwards he attended an organ recital in the Mormon tabernacle, leaving afterwards for Salt Lake beach, the famous bathing resort, where luncheon was served. In the afternoon the president went to the Country club where he played golf, a recreation which he has greatly missed since the beginning of his tour.

### FORMER LAS VEGAS EDITOR GAINING FAME AND FORTUNE

Lute Wilcox, of the Denver "Field and Farm," who got most of his newspaper training as city editor of The Optic, is soon to publish an insert in his journal in which he will make a specialty of western historical matters.

Wilcox is also compiling a volume of Mexican stories in English, the same to be published in New York. This work will contain everything he can run across in the way of folklore, love songs and all the simple little sentimentalities which these people possess in an exquisite degree. Such a work has never before been attempted.

Wilcox, not to be outdone, has also in the course of preparation a volume of cowboy stories and one of general western poetry. It will comprise a set of three or four books, which the compiler hopes to make the crowning success of his life.

Wilcox writes to friends in Las Vegas that, aside from going blind, he has succeeded in life very well. He is now in the enjoyment of fine health, is fifty-three years of age, having arrived at the time of life when a man begins to take on at least a little sense.

### HARVEY MEALS SERVED AT DIFFERENT PRICES

The Harvey systems issues "D," "J" and "K" series of permits, upon the presentation of which, when the persons are not known personally, only fifty cents is exacted for the celebrated Harvey meals, which have an international reputation. The "J" permits are issued to ministers of the gospel only, though members of "the cloth" ought to be recognized on sight easily enough. Besides these series of eating house permits, every other privileged person has a numbered permit, each one a different number. Railroad men with a train are fed for twenty-five cents, while railroaders on dress parade are required to plank down fifty cents for a meal. Townspeople pay seventy-five cents, as also do transients passing through the city.

## BOLD THIEF RANSACKS ANOTHER HOME IN BROAD DAYLIGHT

The bold sneak thief, who has been operating in the residence section of the city for the past week, was at work again today.

This morning, while Mrs. Henry Chapman, wife of a Santa Fe brakeman, was shopping downtown, the thief visited the Chapman home at 305 Eighth street. Entrance was effected by cutting the screen of the rear door, breaking out the glass panel of the door and climbing through this small aperture.

The thief ransacked the house from one end to the other, throwing the contents of the bureau drawers and trunks into the middle of the floor. He

was rewarded for his trouble with a solid gold Eastern Star pin, a box of jewelry, consisting of a gold ring and other trinkets of more or less value and several articles of clothing. He also helped himself to some fruit in the pantry, evidently being hungry.

The robbery occurred between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock this morning and that the thief did not carry away more loot is probably due to Mrs. Chapman's early return home.

The police were at once notified and immediately went to work on the case but up to this afternoon no trace has been secured of the thief.

## CITY COUNCIL SHOULD SEE THAT TREES ARE TRIMMED

This fall, right now, is not too soon, practically every tree on the main residential streets of this city should be trimmed. The city council should at once draft an ordinance covering the so-called "low limb" nuisance and see to its strict enforcement.

Complaints are coming in from all parts of the city continually because of this nuisance, and it is hoped that the council will take heed and get busy.

The streets and alleys committee of the council might draft an ordinance covering this subject for presentation at the next meeting of the city law-

makers, so that action might be had at an early date. The trees all over the city should be trimmed and at this time of year such a campaign could be carried out for the benefit of the trees and the appearance of the streets.

Las Vegas is richly favored with magnificent trees. At this stage the trees are getting large and unless they are trimmed they will lose their strength and their vigor in useless limbs and in awkward branches which will sooner or later be carried away by the wind. Some of the prettiest trees in the city have been killed by the wind this summer—all because they were not properly trimmed.